

COOPER

Yes she is. God I'm so annoying. Think I even annoy myself.  
*(Pause)* I better go. Rose will be home tomorrow and I need to tidy the house and get rid of some driftwood.

JACK

What?

COOPER

Nothing, don't worry about it. Bye.

JACK

Bye.

*Call ends. COOPER sits on the couch just staring.*

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COOPER

I'm so bored! Just sitting waiting to die. See you soon Dad!  
 God that's depressing. *(Pause)* Snap out of it Coop. *(Picking up his iPad goes onto Tik Tok)* I can't watch anymore Tik Tok.

*COOPER sits staring and the anger builds. He knocks the beer cans off the coffee table. Heads to the kitchen to get another.*

COOPER

Cheers you bastard! You bloody left me before I had a chance to tell you how much you pissed me off. *(Pause)* Aim low and avoid disappointment. That's what you told me right? Probably the one thing I did better than Jack. No wonder I don't push myself. Still taking small jobs here and there in case I screw up. No confidence thanks to you mate. *(Pause)* Why didn't you push me a bit! Tell me I could do it. Push the boat out kid you got this! Start your own proper company Coop! No, you were too bloody busy finding the negative in me, telling me about the things that could go wrong, so don't bother starting. *(Pause then mimicking his father)* Love you son. Why you doing that then? You are the bestest son. You won't be able to do that. Have you met my wonderful son? Get your shit together or get out! You were like a bloody yo-yo! Didn't know if I was coming or going. *(Pause)* God, if it weren't for mum, I would have been

a complete and utter nutter. I was terrified of failure, terrified of hearing you say I told you so. So I did nothing with myself to avoid seeing your disappointed mug. *(Sadly laughs to himself then picks up the driftwood from the kitchen island)* Look at me now! Driftwood! Ahhhhh. *(The shouting anger turns into crying and then laughing)* And the shit thing of it all Dad is that I miss you already. How is that fucking possible? That's just messed up! I have felt guilty for leaving you and mum all these years but you know what? *(Gets a rubbish bag from under the kitchen sink)* I was right to go with Rose. *(Starts cleaning up the mess of the house, clearing the stage for the next scene)* She saved me! Gave me two amazing children. Pushed me to get my carpentry cert. Wouldn't have done it without her. She thinks more of me than I do. But that has got to stop. *(Pause)* I know you are up there watching me right now. I hope you are sorry and wishing you did things differently. *(Pause)* Dad, I love you and you weren't a complete shit father but you messed about a lot. A lot, alright? I don't need your acceptance anymore. *(Pause)* I got this. Watch me Dad! I got this. *(Picks up the driftwood)*

**LIGHTS DOWN. END OF ACT 2 SCENE 2**

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